

Art/Design & Technology

DT will be our main focus this half term. The children will learn how to make objects move using levers, pulleys and pneumatic systems. We will link this to our Topic by creating movable Egyptian Gods.

You can have a go at home to support your child! You could try making sliding cards, paper springs and much more!

Science

In Science our topic will be 'Forces and Magnets'. The children will find out what forces are and how they act upon objects, as well as the amazing power of magnets.

You can support your child by exploring the magnetism of objects at home and discussing your observations.

R.E.

This term, the children will be focussing on Salvation whilst trying to answer the question 'Why do Christians call the day Jesus died Good Friday?'

P.E.

For outdoor PE we will be focusing on athletics and learning a range of new skills.

In our indoor PE sessions, we will be continuing to develop our gymnastics.

You can support your child by practising returning a tennis ball with a racket.

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History

The Ancient Egyptians will be the key focus this half term. Children will be hooked in with an Egyptian day and continue to learn about the Egyptians through topic lessons and cross curricular activities. Understanding where Egypt is in the world, identifying features of Ancient Egypt and understanding how Egyptians lived and worshipped, will be the aims of the half term. Writing opportunities, hands-on activities and group discussions will be used to immerse the pupils in this Ancient world.

French

This half term the children will be continuing to learn the names of animals and fruits in French. They will also learn to describe them in greater detail and use their knowledge to retell 'The Hungry Caterpillar' in French.

You can support your child by encouraging them to use their French at home in conversations.

Music

In Music lessons the children will be composing their own music using graphic scores in response to an animation.

You can support your child by listening to a wide range of music and discussing what they like or do not like about the piece.

PSHCE

Children will be continuing to learn through our 'jigsaw' scheme and this term the focus is Relationships. The children will discuss how to respect others and be a global citizen, preparing appreciation streamers for our 'fiesta'.

You can support your child by discussing how to respect others at home, in their community and online.

English

Reading

In Guided Reading sessions, the children will be developing their skills with larger texts as well as exploring more non-fiction pieces. In response to their recent Reading test, the children's main focus in lesson will be authorial intent in fiction, and retrieval in non-fiction.

You can use your child's reading bookmark to support their comprehension skills at home when reading with them daily.

Writing

Year 3 will be focusing on three different strands: poetry, narrative and non-fiction writing.

They will start the term by creating poetry from an Egyptian artefact's point of view as though they were human! This is called personification. They will have fun with words and ideas. Next, they will have a go at writing their own stories about entering a tomb in a pyramid! Here they will try to create suspense and atmosphere. Finally, we are going to focus on emailing and the difference in this more informal type of writing that is now commonly used in every-day life and most jobs.

Maths

This half term in maths we will be revisiting the topics we have already learnt such as Place Value, Addition and Subtraction, Multiplication and Division, Fractions, and Time.

We will mainly be reviewing knowledge with the focus of problem solving and applying their skills to multi-step questions.

The children will also have a whole class focus of the 8x table this term, as well as reviewing 2, 5, 10, 3 and 4.

You can support your child by using the knowledge organisers in their maths homework guide with them to go over key facts to remember. You can also help put their skills to the test by using clocks as much as possible at home and even encouraging them to chop food for the family, using their fraction skills!